

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	§
Mountain Express Oil Company, <i>et al.</i> ,	§ Chapter 7
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	§
	§ Case No. 23-90147 (EVR)
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	§ Jointly Administered
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**EIGHTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, SPECIAL  
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, JANET NORTHRUP, FOR THE PERIOD  
FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Porter Hedges LLP, as Special Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Janet Northrup
<b>Date of Retention Order:</b>	October 4, 2023 (Doc. No. 1523)
<b>Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:</b>	February 1, 2025 through and including February 28, 2025
<b>Interim Fees Incurred:</b>	\$4,204.50
<b>Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):</b>	\$3,363.60
<b>Interim Expenses Incurred:</b>	\$4.00
<b>Total Fees and Expenses Due:</b>	\$3,367.60

This is the Eighteenth Monthly Fee Statement.

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<sup>1</sup> A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 7 cases may be obtained on the Court's website at [www.ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov). The location of Debtor Mountain Express Oil Company's principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 7 cases is 3650 Mansell Road, Suite 250, Alpharetta, GA 30022.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), Special Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Janet Northrup (the “Trustee”), submits this Eighteenth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 1607] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$4,204.50 (the “Fees”) and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$4.00 (the “Expenses”), for the period from February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$3,363.60 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$4.00 for a total requested amount of \$3,367.60.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. Porter Hedges’ invoices for the Application Period is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

**WHEREFORE**, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$3,363.60 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$4.00 in the total amount of \$3,367.60.

Dated: March 17, 2025  
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on March 17, 2025.

This will further certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by first class mail to: (i) the Debtors; (ii) Neil Lansing; and (iii) the 20 largest unsecured creditors scheduled by the Debtors, in compliance with the Court's *Order Granting Trustee's Motion to Limit Notice* [Docket No. 1729] (the "Notice Order").

All other parties entitled to receive notice pursuant to the Notice Order received such notice by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl  
Joshua W. Wolfshohl

**EXHIBIT 1****SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Fees Requested</b>
Case Administration	0.00	0.00
Asset Analysis/Recovery	5.90	4,204.50
Adversary Proceeding/Litigation	0.00	0.00
Fee/Employment Applications	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>4,204.50</b>

**EXHIBIT 2**

**SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Computer Assisted Legal Research	\$4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>

**EXHIBIT 3****SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	1.00
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	0.00
John M. Eiband	\$655.00	4.90
Eliana Garfias	\$425.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5.90</b>

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Invoice Date: March 10, 2025  
Invoice Num.: 574790  
Matter Number: 018167-0002  
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl  
Tax ID: #74-2174193

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Matter: Mountain Express Oil Company, et al. – Chapter 7

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through February 28, 2025

Professional Services	4,204.50
Disbursements	4.00
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$4,208.50</b>

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**Time Detail**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Amount</b>
02/10/2025	JME	Emails with Pilot's counsel and H. McIntyre regarding resolution of Pilot's claims.	0.10	65.50
02/12/2025	JME	Emails with H. McIntyre and Pilot counsel regarding settlement of funds (.1); review accounting of funds sent by Pilot (.1).	0.20	131.00
02/13/2025	JME	Analyze Pilot proof of claim and investigate emails related to amounts possible owed by Pilot (.5); meeting with Pilot and H. McIntyre on same (.4); call with H. McIntyre after Pilot meeting (.1); emails with J. Wolfshohl regarding summary of meeting and questions related to same (.4).	1.40	917.00
02/14/2025	JWW	Emails with D. Draper regarding retention of litigation counsel and review prior correspondence and revised engagement agreement.	0.70	696.50
02/19/2025	JME	Call and email with J. Crockett regarding properties in Arkansas, and investigate ownership of same (.2); investigate ownership of eleven properties in Mississippi and Georgia, and email E. Rose and H. McIntyre regarding same (.4).	0.60	393.00
02/24/2025	JWW	Review issues regarding North Carolina proceeding and emails with J. Eiband regarding same.	0.30	298.50
02/24/2025	JME	Emails with J. Crockett and J. Northrup regarding inquiry into property ownership in Arkansas (.1); attention to emails regarding N.C. industrial commission matter, analyze old notes and emails related to matter, and exchange emails with J. Wolfshohl and plaintiff's counsel regarding same (.7).	0.80	524.00
02/26/2025	JME	Emails with H. McIntyre regarding Pilot setoff.	0.20	131.00
02/27/2025	JME	Attention to email from D. Berger, and email J. Wolfshohl summary of issue.	0.30	196.50
02/28/2025	JME	Calls and email with D. Berger regarding N.C. workers compensation hearing (.6); call and email with J.	1.30	851.50

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		Wolfshohl regarding same (.3); emails with J. Northrup and H. McIntyre summarizing and addressing same issue (.4).		
<b>Total</b>			<b>5.90</b>	<b>\$4,204.50</b>
<b>Total Services</b>				<b>\$4,204.50</b>

**Timekeeper Summary**

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	1.00	995.00	995.00
JME	John M. Eiband	Associate	4.90	655.00	3,209.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>5.90</b>		<b>\$4,204.50</b>

**Cost Summary**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Computer Assisted Legal Research	4.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Total This Invoice</b>	<b>\$4,208.50</b>